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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO. 11256-008 |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2005/050135 | | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) 10/590885 |
| TITLE OF INVENTION THREAD FORMING SCREW | | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 25 February 2004 |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Robert Dicke | | |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: | | |
| <p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9), and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</p> <p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</p> <p>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An unsigned oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)) and/or amendments under Article 34.</p> | | |
| Items 11 to 20 Below concern other document(s) or information included: | | |
| <p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Return Receipt Postcard.</p> | | |

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| U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known) See 37 C.F.R. 1.50) 107590885 | | INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2005/050135 | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO. 11256-008 |
| The following fees are submitted: | | CALCULATIONS | PTO USE ONLY |
| 21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)) \$300 | | \$300 | |
| 22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c)) If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$0 All other situations \$200 | | | \$200 |
| 23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search Fee (37 CFR 1.492(b)) If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of the PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$0 Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority \$100 International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB \$400 All other situations \$500 | | | |
| TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 = | | | \$900 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium) (37 CFR 1.492(j)). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. | | | |
| Total Sheets | Extra Sheets | Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number) | RATE |
| - 100 = | /50 = | | x \$250 |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing any of the search fee, examination fee, or the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)). | | \$ | \$ |
| Claims | Number Filed | Number Extra | Rate |
| Total Claims | 28 - 20 = | 8 | x \$ 50.00 |
| Independent Claims | 1 - 3 = | 0 | x \$ 200.00 |
| Multiple dependent claim(s) if Applicable | | | +\$360.00 |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = | | \$1,300 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½. | | | |
| | | SUBTOTAL = | \$1,300 |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)). | | \$ | \$ |
| | | TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = | \$1,300 |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31), \$40.00 per property | | \$ | \$ |
| | | TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = | \$1,300 |
| | | Amount to be refunded | \$ |
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| a. <input type="checkbox"/> | A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed. | | |
| b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$1,300.00 to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. | | |
| c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. | | |
| d. <input type="checkbox"/> | Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. | | |
| NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status. | | | |
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